

Dental Therapists

A Solution To
The NM Dental Crisis

1.31 Million¹ New Mexicans

Live in dental shortage areas or are underserved



1,976:1

New Mexico's
average
population to
dentist ratio

Population
Dentist



http://i.telegraph.co.uk/multimedia/archive/02330/teeth_2330929b.jpg

49th²

National ranking for access
to dental health care

48th⁴

National ranking for pop.
living in dental health
professional shortage areas

39th¹

National ranking for
population to dentist ratio

Inner city/ rural communities struggle
to recruit and retain dentists



69%¹

Of state Dentists live
in metropolitan areas



50%¹

Of state Dentists
are medicaid providers

Bottom **25%** of economic scale

Has **75%** of the dental problems¹

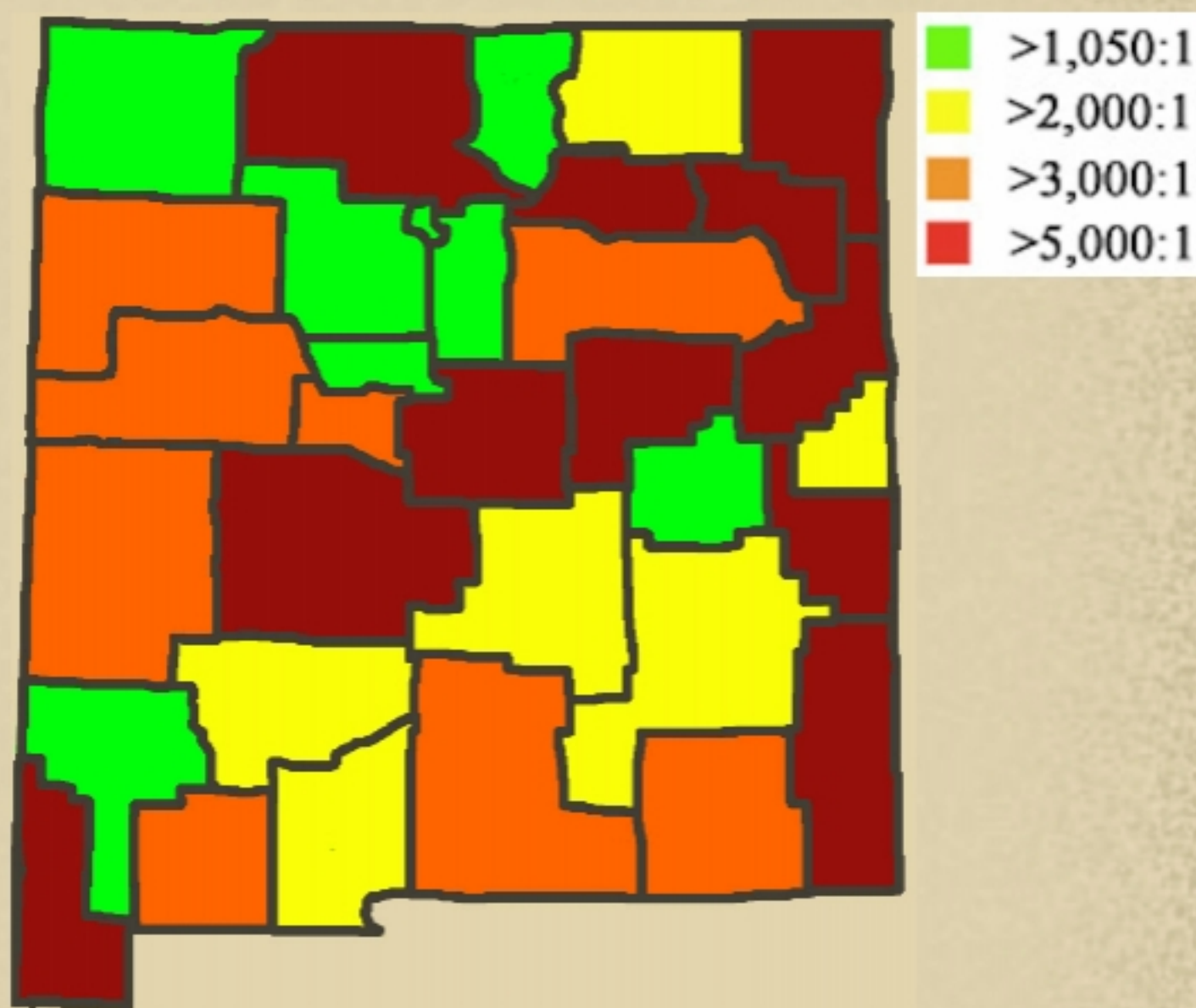
Dental Therapist Licensure Bill

A Community Based, Workforce Solution
For the New Mexico Dental Crisis



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Population to dentist ratio map by county²



32/33⁵

Counties have federally
designated dental health
professional shortage areas

***9 NM Counties**

Have **0** or only **1¹** employed Dentist or Hygienist

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